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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents . Washington, D.C.

August 28, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6, 10 and 14 as follows:

(amended) A method of inhibiting neurodegeneration, which comprises administering an effective dose of a xanthine derivative represented by formula (I):